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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HOTTEN et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 09/386,450

Examiner: D. Romeo

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For: NEW GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 21, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated November 20, 2000, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 8, ¹²14 and ¹⁹21 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the
subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 6, 9, ¹¹13, ¹²15 and ²¹23 as follows. Attached is a marked up
copy setting forth the changes to the claims.

6. (Amended) The isolated protein as claimed in claim ¹¹13, wherein
the protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO. 2 or functional
parts thereof.